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Question: Is the Coal Operators Association the same as the McAlester and Southern Fuel Company, and is the McAlester and Southern Fuel Company, the same as the Retail Coal Dealers Association of Oklahoma? Yes, the Coal Trust that mines the coal sells it to himself through the McAlester and Southern Fuel Company and through them sells it to himself again through Retail Coal Dealers Association of Oklahoma, and by so doing collects three distinct profits from the same ton of coal before it is delivered to the consumer, and then hollers to the public that the miners are to blame for the high cost of coal.

Vote "YES" on Question 47, Sec. 18 on Aug. 5th.

The people of Oklahoma should return thanks—the fourth legislature has just worn itself out with the people and taken the hint to quit. We feel justified in saying that that legislature had some of the worst "double crossers" that ever sat in a legislative hall. By their work we shall know them.

\$50,000.00 levied by the thirty-three members of the Coal Trust to fight the miners on the repeal of State Question 47, vote "Yes" on State 47 and show the Coal Trust that even though they can succeed in getting their deals through the Legislature they cannot deceive the voters into granting them a complete monopoly on the coal industry of this State.

Some More "Bunk"

One of the Coal Trust circulars to the voters reads as follows:

"The new mining law will cause some additional expense to the millionaire mine operators, but it will safeguard the miners' life and will aid in bringing down the price of coal."

Mr. Voter, do the millionaire mine owners expect to give you cheaper coal while being at a greater expense to operate? Does he expect to take it out of the 78c per ton that he is now paying the miner? Some more "bunk" trying to deceive you into voting in his favor.

Another one of their articles tells you that all that is necessary to comply with this new law is for the miner to scoop the dirt out from under the coal. This shows completely that they are trying to play upon the ignorance of the voters on this question, as any man who ever saw a coal mine knows that coal in its solid form is almost equivalent to rock, and in many instances is almost an absolute impossibility to mine it before it is shot, except with machinery. And in some mines of this state even machinery has been a failure and has been abandoned by the company. Mr. W. B. Anthony who assisted the coal trust in preparing these articles never saw the inside of a mine and as long as he can live off the tax payers of this state will not likely be caught there, and especially try to comply with this law.

At the Star Airdome.

The Newton Stock Co., is playing at the Star Airdome in McAlester this week to good crowds which means that the show is pleasing the public. This company is composed of eleven talented people, their plays and specialties are all pleasing. They will remain the balance of the week. Tonight "Casey Jones" a farce comedy. Friday night, "Fanchon" the Crickett. Saturday night a sensational drama "From Sing Sing to Liberty." Manager Wilkins has engaged the Hutchinson Musical Comedy Co., of 18 people who come well recommended from a long run in Dallas. They open at Lake Park Sunday night and at Star Airdome in McAlester for the week. This is a guaranteed attraction at 10, 20, 30c.

Dewar Here Next Sunday.

Ten members of the local Gun Club will meet the Dewar club in a 100 target event at the shooting grounds in this city on Sunday, July 20. No charge to see this contest. Plenty of shade and ice water. All cars stop at the shooting grounds.

Considerable space in the Miner this week is taken with the proposed mining bill—a question of more importance than local news.

Chief Mine Inspector Ed. Boyle Says the Law Should Be Repealed.

Oklahoma City, Okla., July 8th, 1913.

Mr. P. R. Stewart, McAlester, Okla.

Dear Sir:—It has been called to my attention that the coal companies of this state are circulating and causing to be circulated statements to the effect that Sec. 18 of the recent mining bill passed by the Legislature has my approval. I take this method of notifying you and the public in general that I do not approve of the action of the legislature in passing this piece of mining legislation. It is an absolute injustice to ask the miners to undercut coal on the heavy pitching veins which will greatly increase the danger over the present method of mining. It is not fair to enact a law that says to the miner he must lay down in the mud and water and undercut his coal before it is shot in order that he may earn a living in the mines in our state.

I do not know what is the real object sought by the coal companies in seeking this legislation, but I feel sure that if Section 18 is permitted to remain upon the statutes of our state, the real reasons will later develop which will not be to the best interest of our state or its people.

Assuring you that I will assist you all in my power to repeal this piece of legislation, I remain with best wishes,

Yours very truly,

ED. BOYLE,

Chief Mine Inspector State of Oklahoma.

The Boosters smeared it all over and rubbed it in on the Elks last Sunday at McAlester 8 to 1. Wingate started to pitch for the Elks but the first Booster up put it over the fence. Wingate was injured early in the game in sliding to home plate and retired. Ben Barry finished the game, but the Boosters soon found him and touched him up at will. The Boosters are a great bunch of young ball players and out class the Elks in every department.

There is more than 50 per cent of the coal mines in the state of Oklahoma that the coal pitches

from 15 to 65 deg. These mines will be compelled to get out of business until the law is repealed and this is what the Coal Trusts want, so they can force these mines to sell out to them, and as soon as they do, the Coal Trusts will appear back in the chambers of the Skirvin Hotel and give another banquet or two and ask that the law be repealed. This is the stand they are pulling off in Colorado at the present time, forcing all the small independent coal operators to close down their mines or sell out to the Trusts at their own terms.

Vote "yes" on mining bill.

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